

Project Update: July 2014



Figure 1 - The DFO (in a light green shirt), the Grantee (in a red-draft shirt) and members of Kimbo village Government posing for a photo after the project introduction meeting on 8th

and income-generating initiatives. *“For a long time now farmers had keen interest in modern beekeeping, but the challenge has been lack of resources and knowledge to undertake such an initiative, so it has come at the right time.*” Remarked Mr. Albert, the Chairman of Kimbo Village. With regards to group formulation two groups of 10 members each, have been formed in each village making a total number of 40 members composed of both women and men. Of these, 24 are men and 16 are women - a ratio of 60:40

During the week ending 11th July 2014, I was in the East Usambaras to introduce the project and facilitate formation of beekeeping groups in the villages. I conducted discussion with the District Forest Officer (DFO) [1] [1] about the project. At Kimbo and Shembekeza villages I and the DFO introduced the project to the village government.

The project was received positively in both villages with an encouraging remark that the project was timely since farmers had been contemplating on how to undertake modern beekeeping as one of their priority conservation



Figure 2 - Section of the Amani Nature Reserve (ANR) which borders Shembekeza and Kimbo villages where the project is being implemented